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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2018-19 Cal Grant Award Offers and College Claiming Process**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the initial 2018-19 Cal Grant selection process for the High School Entitlement (E1) award cycle.

2018-19 Preliminary E1 Award Offers

- Following the early opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) on October 1, the Commission ran its initial E1 award cycle on November 08, 2017.
- Approximately **43,255** preliminary awards were offered to current high school seniors and 2017 high school graduates. Over **1,648** of the preliminary awards were offered to California Dream Act students.

Student Confirmation Process

- The selected E1 students will receive a paper Cal Grant Preliminary Eligibility Notification.
- Students are encouraged to create a WebGrants for Students (WGS) account at www.webgrants4students.org for additional information regarding their Cal Grant award offer.
- The Commission will continue to process students in the weekly award cycle.

College Claiming Process

- The 2018-19 WebGrants Display Rosters will not be available until **Spring 2018**. Institutions will be able to claim Cal Grant eligible students by submitting School Change Upload files. The WebGrants Display Roster will populate with Cal Grant eligible students that have confirmed their college of attendance at WGS and as institutions submit School Change Upload files.
- Beginning in February 2018, students will be able to confirm their school of attendance. As students complete this step, the 2018-19 award amounts for new recipients at Cal Grant eligible institutions will be reflected on the students' California Aid Report and their WGS account.

Cal Grant Eligible Institutions

- A list of 2018-19 Cal Grant Eligible Institutions will be available at the Commission’s homepage within the next couple of weeks.
- If a student lists an ineligible institution as their first choice on their FAFSA, the system will default to the next eligible institution for Cal Grant consideration.
- Students who only list ineligible institutions on their FAFSA will receive an “Application on Hold” notification requesting they select an eligible institution on the Application Correction screen in WGS. The student will be reprocessed once they select an eligible institution.
- The CADAA does not permit students to choose an ineligible institution.

For further details, you may reference the [Cal Grant Awarding Process](#) [handout](#).

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